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For : PROCESS OF FORMING)
ULTRAFINE CRYSTAL LAYER,)
MACHINE COMPONENT HAVING)
ULTRAFINE CRYSTAL LAYER)
FORMED BY THE ULTRAFINE)
CRYSTAL LAYER FORMING)
PROCESS, PROCESS OF)
PRODUCING THE MACHINE)
COMPONENT, PROCESS OF)
FORMING NANOCRYSTAL LAYER,)
MACHINE COMPONENT HAVING)
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BY THE NANOCRYSTAL LAYER)
FORMING PROCESS, AND)
PROCESS OF PRODUCING THE)
MACHINE COMPONENT)
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This amendment is submitted for the above-identified patent application in response to the office action from the United States Patent and Trademark Office mailed December 30, 2009. Please make the following election and changes: